

IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Serial No.: 10/564,998)
Confirmation No.: 6127)
Filed: June 6, 2006)
Inventors: McAuley et al.)
For: BREATHING ASSISTANCE APPARATUS)
Examiner: B. Won)
Art Unit: 4185)
Atty Docket No.: 1171/44279/162)

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 4, 2009, having a shortened statutory date for response set to expire on March 4, 2009, Applicant elects Group III., Claims 16-19 without traverse.

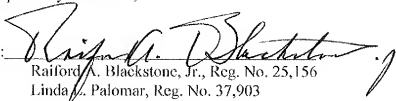
Applicant expressly reserves the right to file claims relating to the non-elected inventions in a divisional application(s).

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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